

**MRS. MAGGIE NASH** (formerly Griffin), Sworn for the State. I have read over my evidence as given on the stand on the trial of the case of the State vs. Leo M. Frank. The same is true and absolutely correct. I am acquainted with the general character and reputation of Leo M. Frank. It is bad. I am also acquainted with the general character and reputation of Leo M. Frank as to lasciviousness, that is his relations with women. That character is bad. It is true that during working hours, as stated in my evidence given on the stand, I saw Leo M. Frank go into the lady's dressing room with a woman who worked on that floor. I saw him go in there three or four times, sometimes in the evening and sometimes in the morning. He would stay in there as long as from 15 to 30 minutes. So far as I know there was nobody else in that room with Frank and this woman at the time. I don't know, of course, what Frank and this woman were doing in there, but I do know that they were in that room which was supposed to be used only by the girls as a dress room, and I don't know of any business that could have been carried on in that room by Frank and this woman that was right and proper or connected with the National Pencil Company's business. The key to this room was carried by the woman I saw to into this room with Leo M. Frank. It was her uniform practice, as soon as the girls were dressed for work went to work, to look this room and put the key in her pocket. I don't know whether Frank, when he and this woman were in that room together, whether the door was locked or bolted. I never did try to go in there when they were in there, and so far as I know no one else tried to go in on them. I have read, myself grounds 8 and 9 of the extraordinary motion as filed on behalf of Leo M. Frank in the Clerk's office of the Superior Court on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 1913. The original paper is before me at the time I sign this affidavit. The statements contained in ground 8 are absolutely false in every particular. I have not made any affidavit to anyone with reference to my evidence as given on the stand. I have not made any statement to any person contrary to what I swore on the stand the evidence I gave on the stand is the truth in every particular, and I here and now re-affirm and re-assert the evidence as given on the stand and I now say that Leo M. Frank is a man of general bad character and reputation, both generally and in reference to his relations with women. I merely knew Dewey Hewell. I never talked with her in my life except the day she was up in the office of the Solicitor General, Hugh M. Dorsey, and she then and there voluntarily told me what she was going to swear on the stand. She told me she was going to swear exactly what she did swear. I did not approach her or suggest anything at all to her with reference to the evidence that she swore. Dewey Hewell told me she had seen Frank talking to Mary Phagan and had heard Frank call her "Mary". Dewey Hewell also told me that she saw Frank one time on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the National Pencil Company's place of business, with his arms around a woman, off in a dark place near the stairway. She said she didn't know who this woman was, but she got a good look at Frank and knew that he was the man. I didn't pay much attention to what the girl had to say. I talked to Solicitor General Hugh M. Dorsey in the presence of Mr. Bass Rosser, City detective. The day I went on the stand, Mr. Dorsey came into the room in his office where all of the girls were assembled, including Miss Nellie Wood. Mr. Dorsey stated that the time had now come when the State would introduce evidence with reference to Leo M. Frank's general character. He said he had been over and had talked to each of us separately, about the evidence we were going to give, and now he wanted to talk to us together, and see if everybody understood exactly what questions would be asked. Mr. Dorsey told us he only wanted the truth and nothing but the truth. He also said that if we were not going to swear as we had told him we would swear that he wanted us to say so then and there in order that he might be saved and time and trouble of putting the witnesses on the stand. He then said, I will now ask the question and I will take each of you one at a time. I want you to pay strict attention and give the answer that is the truth and that you expect to give on the stand. He then said "Are you acquainted with the general character and reputation of Leo M. Frank" and put that question to each one of the girls who were present. Among others was Miss Nellie Wood, and she stated yes, and he then went to each one of the others with this question and all of them answered yes. Mr. Dorsey then said "is that character good or bad" and went first for the answer to that question to Miss Wood and she said it was bad. Each and all of the girls present in that room stated that the character of Leo M. Frank was bad. At no time did

the Solicitor General ever tell the witnesses to answer off sharp and quick. He did say that the answer was first yes or no, as to whether Leo M. Frank's general character was bad, and he did tell us that it was not what we knew personally about Frank, but what was generally said of him by other people. Some of the girls were frightened at the idea of going into the court room. We were assured by Solicitor Dorsey that there need be no fear, and that it would not probably take very long. Dewey Hewell was not present when all these other girls were being talked to by the Solicitor General at his office in the Kiser Building. The conversation I had with Dewey Hewell occurred after the Solicitor General had a talk with the other girls and left. It is absolutely false in every particular that I coached Dewey Hewell, or that I said "we will go over it again so won't forget it." I have heard people say that Frank was a man of bad character. This was the general talk among the girls in the factory. I heard the employees in the factory talk frequently about Frank being attentive to the women working the factory, whose reputation were bad, and I have seen myself Frank spend a great deal of his time with this woman whose reputation was bad. I don't know myself that anything wrong every [sic] occurred between them, but I do know that he devoted a great deal of his time talking to her than was necessary and that it was generally understood among the girls in the factory that Frank didn't have the best reputation and that his character was bad. I found in the office of the Solicitor General, Hugh M. Dorsey, on this Monday, April 20, 1914, a young lady. I looked at her and thought I recognized her face, though I could not call her name. I was afterwards informed that this was Miss Ruth Robinson and I knew that I never talked to Miss Ruth Robinson a moment in my life, either at the office of the Solicitor General or anywhere else on earth. And if Dewey Hewell ever talked together, I don't know anything about it and if Ruth Robinson heard what Dewey Hewell said to me I don't know anything about it, but everything that was ever said to me by Dewey Hewell or by Dewey Hewell to me was said in the room where there were other people who could have heard it if they had wished to. Sometime recently two men of whom was W. W. Rogers, and the other being, as I have been informed, the detective W. J. Burns, came to see me with reference to my evidence. Rogers and Burns tried to talk to me about my evidence. I told them emphatically that if they were to come to me in a hundred years from now that I would still be the same and say the same, because it was the truth. I was very enthusiastic in letting this man Burns, know that I didn't intend to waste any time going over with them evidence which I had given and which was the truth. This was the only enthusiasm I ever remember to have shown in connection with this case. These men disputed in the little time they talked to me, my word and said they supposed Miss Grace Hicks knew where Mary Phagan worked. Rogers then said "come on lets go we can't get anything from her" and I said "I am tired of your company and wish you would go on for I don't like to be called a story. Among other things, one of these men representing themselves to be Burns detectives, asked me if there was anybody else besides myself that I knew who had seen Frank go into the dressing room with women. I stated that my recollection was that Miss Myrtice Cato saw this occur. They then asked me where Miss Cato worked and I told them she worked at E. H. Cone's drugstore and I added, "you go there to see her and you will get the same dose you got here."